

1 This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims
2 in the application.

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4 **Listing of Claims:**

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6 Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method for tracking a requested signal,
7 the method comprising:

8 receiving at a server computer, a request for the requested signal;

9 generating at the server computer, transaction identification data which
10 identifies the received request;

11 including at the server computer, a pattern in the requested signal to form a
12 watermarked signal using a predetermined basis signal, wherein the transaction
13 identification data can be derived from the pattern; further wherein the inclusion of
14 the basis signal in the requested signal is designed to introduce no more than a
15 predetermined maximum level of perceptibility to the requested signal.

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17 Claim 2 (Original): The method of Claim 1 where including comprises:

18 retrieving the basis signal; and

19 including the basis signal in the requested signal to form the watermarked
20 signal in such a manner that the pattern is embedded in the watermarked signal and
21 can be recognized in the watermarked signal.

1 Claim 3 (Previously presented): The method of Claim 2 wherein including
2 the basis signal comprises:

3 logically dividing the basis signal into segments; and
4 for each segment of the basis signal,
5 adding the segment of the basis signal to a corresponding segment of the
6 requested signal upon a condition in which a corresponding portion of the pattern
7 has a first logical value; and

8 subtracting the segment of the basis signal from the corresponding segment
9 of the requested signal upon a condition in which the corresponding portion of the
10 pattern has a second logical value.

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12 Claim 4 (Currently amended): The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
13 sending from the server computer, watermarked signal in response to the
14 request for the requested signal.

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16 Claim 5 (Original): The method of Claim 1 wherein including comprises:
17 selecting watermarked signal fragments representing a first logical value for
18 corresponding portions of the pattern which have the first logical value;
19 selecting watermarked signal fragments representing a second logical value
20 for corresponding portions of the pattern which have the second logical value; and
21 combining the watermarked signal fragments representing the first and
22 second logical values to form the watermarked signal.

1 Claim 6 (Previously presented): The method of Claim 5 wherein the
2 watermarked signal fragments are compressed such that the watermarked signal
3 fragments comprise the watermarked signal in a compressed form.

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5 Claim 7 (Currently amended): A method for enabling embedding of
6 transaction-specific identification data into a requested signal, the method
7 comprising:

8 logically dividing the requested signal into segments at a server computer;

9 for each segment,

10 embedding a first logical value in the segment to form a first
11 embedded segment;

12 embedding a second logical value in the segment to form a second
13 embedded segment; and

14 including both the first and second embedded segments in a
15 composite signal.

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17 Claim 8 (Original): The method of Claim 7 further comprising:

18 for each of the segments of the requested signal:

19 selecting from first and second embedded segments of the composite signal
20 according to a corresponding bit of the transaction-specific identification data.

1 Claim 9 (Original): The method of Claim 8 further comprising:
2 combining the selected embedded segments of the composite signal to form
3 a watermarked signal which includes the transaction-specific identification data
4 embedded therein.

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6 Claim 10 (Original): The method of Claim 7 wherein including both the
7 first and second embedded segments in a composite signal comprises:
8 including the first embedded segment in a first frame;
9 compressing the first frame to form a first compressed frame;
10 including the second embedded segment in a second frame;
11 compressing the second frame to form a second compressed frame; and
12 including both the first and second compressed frames in the composite
13 signal.

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15 Claim 11 (Original): The method of Claim 10 wherein including both the
16 first and second embedded segments in a composite signal further comprises:
17 determining that the first and second compressed frames are equivalent; and
18 including a single compressed frame in the composite signal to represent
19 both the first and second compressed frames.

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21 Claim 12 (Currently amended): A method for embedding transaction-
22 specific identification data into a requested signal, the method comprising:
23 retrieving at a server computer, a composite signal which includes, for each
24 of one or more corresponding portions of the requested signal, a first marked
25 segment which represents a first logical value embedded in the corresponding

1 portion of the requested signal and a second marked segment which represents a
2 second logical value embedded in the corresponding portion of the requested
3 signal;

4 for each of the corresponding portions of the requested signal, selecting
5 segments of the composite signal according to logical values of corresponding bits
6 of the transaction-specific identification data; and

7 combining at the server computer the selected segments to form a
8 watermarked signal which includes the transaction-specific identification data
9 embedded therein.

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11 Claim 13 (Original): The method of Claim 12 wherein the first and second
12 marked segments are compressed such that watermarked signal formed by
13 combining the selected segments is compressed.

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15 Claim 14 (Currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium on
16 which is stored computer code which, when executed by a server-side computer,
17 causes the computer to enable tracking a requested signal by:

18 receiving a request for the requested signal;

19 generating transaction identification data which identifies the received
20 request;

21 including a pattern in the requested signal to form a watermarked signal
22 using a predetermined basis signal, wherein the transaction identification data can
23 be derived from the pattern; further wherein the inclusion of the basis signal in the
24 requested signal is designed to introduce no more than a predetermined maximum
25 level of perceptibility to the requested signal.

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2 Claim 15 (Original): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 14
3 where including comprises:

4 retrieving the basis signal; and

5 including the basis signal in the requested signal to form the watermarked
6 signal in such a manner that the pattern is embedded in the watermarked signal and
7 can be recognized in the watermarked signal.

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9 Claim 16 (Previously presented): The computer-readable storage medium
10 of Claim 15 wherein including the basis signal comprises:

11 logically dividing the basis signal into segments; and

12 for each segment of the basis signal,

13 adding the segment of the basis signal to a corresponding segment of
14 the requested signal upon a condition in which a corresponding portion of
15 the pattern has a first logical value; and

16 subtracting the segment of the basis signal from the corresponding
17 segment of the requested signal upon a condition in which the
18 corresponding portion of the pattern has a second logical value.

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20 Claim 17 (Original): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 14
21 wherein the computer code, when executed by the computer, further causes the
22 computer to enable tracking a requested signal by:

23 sending the watermarked signal in response to the request for the requested
24 signal.

1 Claim 18 (Original): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 14
2 wherein including comprises:

3 selecting watermarked signal fragments representing a first logical value for
4 corresponding portions of the pattern which have the first logical value;

5 selecting watermarked signal fragments representing a second logical value
6 for corresponding portions of the pattern which have the second logical value; and

7 combining the watermarked signal fragments representing the first and
8 second logical values to form the watermarked signal.

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10 Claim 19 (Original): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 18
11 wherein the watermarked signal fragments are compressed such that combining the
12 watermarked signals fragments forms the watermarked signal in a compressed
13 form.

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15 Claim 20 (Currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium on
16 which is stored computer code which, when executed by a server-side computer,
17 causes the computer to enable embedding of transaction-specific identification
18 data into a requested signal by:

19 logically dividing the requested signal into segments;

20 for each segment,

21 embedding a first logical value in the segment to form a first
22 embedded segment;

23 embedding a second logical value in the segment to form a second
24 embedded segment; and
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1 including both the first and second embedded segments in a
2 composite signal.

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4 Claim 21 (Original): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 20
5 wherein the computer code, when executed by the computer, further causes the
6 computer to enable embedding of transaction-specific identification data into a
7 requested signal by:

8 for each of the segments of the requested signal:

9 selecting from first and second embedded segments of the composite
10 signal according to a corresponding bit of the transaction-specific
11 identification data.

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13 Claim 22 (Original): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 21
14 wherein the computer code, when executed by the computer, further causes the
15 computer to enable embedding of transaction-specific identification data into a
16 requested signal by:

17 combining the selected embedded segments of the composite signal to form
18 a watermarked signal which includes the transaction-specific identification data
19 embedded therein.

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21 Claim 23 (Original): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 20
22 wherein including both the first and second embedded segments in a composite
23 signal comprises:

24 including the first embedded segment in a first frame;

25 compressing the first frame to form a first compressed frame;

1 including the second embedded segment in a second frame;
2 compressing the second frame to form a second compressed frame; and
3 including both the first and second compressed frames in the composite
4 signal.

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6 Claim 24 (Original): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 23
7 wherein including both the first and second embedded segments in a composite
8 signal further comprises:

9 determining that the first and second compressed frames are equivalent; and
10 including a single compressed frame in the composite signal to represent
11 both the first and second compressed frames.

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13 Claim 25 (Currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium on
14 which is stored computer code which, when executed by a server-side computer,
15 causes the computer to enable embedding transaction-specific identification data
16 into a requested signal by:

17 retrieving a composite signal which includes, for each of one or more
18 corresponding portions of the requested signal, a first marked segment which
19 represents a first logical value embedded in the corresponding portion of the
20 requested signal and a second marked segment which represents a second logical
21 value embedded in the corresponding portion of the requested signal;

22 for each of the corresponding portions of the requested signal, selecting
23 segments of the composite signal according to logical values of corresponding bits
24 of the transaction-specific identification data; and
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1 combining the selected segments to form a watermarked signal which
2 includes the transaction-specific identification data embedded therein.

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4 Claim 26 (Original): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 25
5 wherein the first and second marked segments are compressed such that
6 watermarked signal formed by combining the selected segments is compressed.

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8 Claim 27 (Currently amended): A server computer system comprising:
9 a processor;
10 a memory coupled to the processor; and
11 a watermarker which executes in the processor from the memory and which,
12 when executed, enables tracking of a requested signal by:

13 receiving a request for the requested signal;
14 generating transaction identification data which identifies the
15 received request; and

16 including a pattern in the requested signal to form a watermarked
17 signal using a predetermined basis signal, wherein the transaction
18 identification data can be derived from the pattern; further wherein the
19 inclusion of the basis signal in the requested signal is designed to introduce
20 no more than a predetermined maximum level of perceptibility to the
21 requested signal.

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23 Claim 28 (Original): The computer system of Claim 27 where including
24 comprises:

25 retrieving the basis signal; and

1 including the basis signal in the requested signal to form the watermarked
2 signal in such a manner that the pattern is embedded in the watermarked signal and
3 can be recognized in the watermarked signal.
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5 Claim 29 (Previously presented): The computer system of Claim 28
6 wherein including the basis signal comprises:

7 logically dividing the basis signal into segments; and
8 for each segment of the basis signal,

9 adding the segment of the basis signal to a corresponding segment of
10 the requested signal upon a condition in which a corresponding portion of
11 the pattern has a first logical value; and

12 subtracting the segment of the basis signal from the corresponding
13 segment of the requested signal upon a condition in which the
14 corresponding portion of the pattern has a second logical value.
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16 Claim 30 (Original): The computer system of Claim 27 wherein the
17 watermark, when executed, enables tracking of a requested signal by also:

18 sending the watermarked signal in response to the request for the requested
19 signal.
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21 Claim 31 (Original): The computer system of Claim 27 wherein including
22 comprises:

23 selecting watermarked signal fragments representing a first logical value for
24 corresponding portions of the pattern which have the first logical value;
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1 selecting watermarked signal fragments representing a second logical value
2 for corresponding portions of the pattern which have the second logical value; and
3 combining the watermarked signal fragments representing the first and
4 second logical values to form the watermarked signal.

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6 Claim 32 (Original): The computer system of Claim 31 wherein the
7 watermarked signal fragments are compressed such that combining the
8 watermarked signals fragments forms the watermarked signal in a compressed
9 form.

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11 Claim 33 (Currently amended): A server computer system comprising:
12 a processor;
13 a memory coupled to the processor; and
14 a blank watermarker which executes in the processor from the memory and
15 which, when executed, enables embedding of transaction-specific identification
16 data into a requested signal by:

17 logically dividing the requested signal into segments;

18 for each segment,

19 embedding a first logical value in the segment to form a first
20 embedded segment;

21 embedding a second logical value in the segment to form a
22 second embedded segment; and

23 including both the first and second embedded segments in a
24 composite signal.
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1 Claim 34 (Original): The computer system of Claim 33 further comprising:

2 for each of the segments of the requested signal:

3 selecting from first and second embedded segments of the
4 composite signal according to a corresponding bit of the transaction-
5 specific identification data.

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7 Claim 35 (Original): The computer system of Claim 34 wherein the blank
8 watermark, when executed, enables embedding of transaction-specific
9 identification data into a requested signal by also:

10 combining the selected embedded segments of the composite signal to form
11 a watermarked signal which includes the transaction-specific identification data
12 embedded therein.

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14 Claim 36 (Original): The computer system of Claim 33 wherein including
15 both the first and second embedded segments in a composite signal comprises:

16 including the first embedded segment in a first frame;

17 compressing the first frame to form a first compressed frame;

18 including the second embedded segment in a second frame;

19 compressing the second frame to form a second compressed frame; and

20 including both the first and second compressed frames in the composite
21 signal.

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23 Claim 37 (Original): The computer system of Claim 36 wherein including
24 both the first and second embedded segments in a composite signal further
25 comprises:

1 determining that the first and second compressed frames are equivalent; and
2 including a single compressed frame in the composite signal to represent
3 both the first and second compressed frames.

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5 Claim 38 (Currently amended): A server computer system comprising:
6 a processor;
7 a memory coupled to the processor; and
8 a watermark which executes in the processor from the memory and which,
9 when executed, embeds transaction-specific identification data into a requested
10 signal by:

11 retrieving a composite signal which includes, for each of one or more
12 corresponding portions of the requested signal, a first marked segment
13 which represents a first logical value embedded in the corresponding
14 portion of the requested signal and a second marked segment which
15 represents a second logical value embedded in the corresponding portion of
16 the requested signal;

17 for each of the corresponding portions of the requested signal,

18 selecting segments of the composite signal according to
19 logical values of corresponding bits of the transaction-specific
20 identification data; and

21 combining the selected segments to form a watermarked
22 signal which includes the transaction-specific identification data
23 embedded therein.

1 Claim 39 (Original): The computer system of Claim 38 wherein the first
2 and second marked segments are compressed such that watermarked signal formed
3 by combining the selected segments is compressed.
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5 Claim 40 (Currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium
6 executable on a server computer on which is stored a signal which comprises:

7 one or more segments of a subject signal;

8 for each of the segments,

9 a first segment instance representing a first logical value of portion
10 of a pattern which is embedded in the segment; and

11 a second segment instance representing a second logical value of the
12 portion embedded in the segment.
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14 Claim 41 (Original): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 40
15 wherein two or more segments of the subject signal are represented in a composite
16 frame; and

17 further wherein the composite frame includes the following frame
18 instances:

19 (i) the first segment instance of a first of the two or more segments of the
20 composite frame and the first segment instance of a second of the two or more
21 segment of the composite frame;

22 (ii) the first segment instance of the first segment of the composite frame
23 and the second segment instance of the second segment of the composite frame;
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1 (iii) the second segment instance of the first segment of the composite
2 frame and the first segment instance of the second segment of the composite
3 frame; and

4 (iv) the second segment instance of the first segment of the composite frame
5 and the second segment instance of the second segment of the composite frame.
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7 Claim 42 (Original): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 41
8 wherein the frame instances (i) through (iv) are compressed.
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10 Claim 43 (Original): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 40
11 wherein the first and second segment instances or each of the segments are
12 compressed.
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14 Claim 44 (Currently amended): A transaction-specific watermark
15 embedded in requested digital content, wherein the digital content is received at a
16 server-side computer.
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18 Claim 45 (Previously presented): The watermark of claim 44, wherein the
19 watermark is embedded in a carrier wave transporting the requested digital content
20 via a network to a party who requested the digital content.
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22 Claim 46 (Previously presented): The watermark of claim 44, wherein two
23 or more segments of a signal representing the requested digital content are
24 included in a composite frame; and further wherein the composite frame includes:
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1 (i) a first segment instance of a first of the two or more segments of the
2 composite frame and a first segment instance of a second of the two or more
3 segment of the composite frame;

4 (ii) the first segment instance of the first segment of the composite frame
5 and a second segment instance of the second segment of the composite frame;

6 (iii) a second segment instance of the first segment of the composite frame
7 and the first segment instance of the second segment of the composite frame; and

8 (iv) the second segment instance of the first segment of the composite frame
9 and the second segment instance of the second segment of the composite frame.
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11 Claim 47 (Currently amended): A transaction-specific watermark
12 embedded in requested digital content, the watermark being generated by one or
13 more processors of a server computer configured to perform acts of:

14 generating transaction identification data identifying a received request;

15 including a pattern in the requested digital content to form a watermarked
16 signal using a predetermined basis signal, wherein the transaction identification
17 data can be derived from the pattern, wherein including is designed to introduce no
18 more than a predetermined maximum level of perceptibility to the requested digital
19 content.
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21 Claim 48 (Previously presented): The watermark of claim 47, wherein the
22 watermark is embedded in a carrier wave transporting the requested digital content
23 via a network to a party who requested the requested digital content.
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1 Claim 49 (Previously presented): The watermark of claim 47, wherein two
2 or more segments of a signal representing the requested digital content are
3 included in a composite frame; and further wherein the composite frame includes:

4 (i) a first segment instance of a first of the two or more segments of the
5 composite frame and a first segment instance of a second of the two or more
6 segment of the composite frame;

7 (ii) the first segment instance of the first segment of the composite frame
8 and a second segment instance of the second segment of the composite frame;

9 (iii) a second segment instance of the first segment of the composite frame
10 and the first segment instance of the second segment of the composite frame; and

11 (iv) the second segment instance of the first segment of the composite frame
12 and the second segment instance of the second segment of the composite frame.
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